

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 20-25, 31, 33-37, 40, 42-50, 65-72, 78, 97-107, 114 and 116 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 20, 31, 33, 65, 78, 97, 114 and 116 are the independent claims.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone conversation of February 9, 2007.

The telephone conversation focused primarily on the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101. Based on the conversation with the Examiner, the apparatus and method claims have been amended to be better tangibly embodied on a computer.

It is noted with appreciation that Claims 31, 78 and 116 are allowed, and the remaining claims are indicated as containing patentable subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §101 are overcome in view of the claim amendments shown above, as well as the claim amendments and comments set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed November 21, 2006.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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